

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A movable barrier operator for controlling access to a secure area comprising:

a fingerprint sensor disposed outside the secure area;
a transmitter for emitting a signal representative of a sensed fingerprint from the fingerprint sensor;
a receiver inside the secure area for receiving the signal representative of the fingerprint;
a fingerprint circuit disposed inside the secure area and responsive to the received signal for determining whether the fingerprint is representative of an authorized user;
and a barrier operator circuit for commanding a barrier to assume a particular position.

2. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises an optical fingerprint sensor.

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3. (Currently amended) A movable barrier operator according to claim 2 wherein the optical fingerprint sensor is an ~~electro~~luminescent electroluminescent fingerprint sensor.

4. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 2 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises a charged coupled device for generating a signal from which the signal representative of the sensed fingerprint is produced.

5. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the transmitter comprises a radio frequency transmitter and the signal representative of the sensed fingerprint is a radio frequency signal.

6. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the transmitter comprise a wall control.

7. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 further comprising a memory associated with the fingerprint sensor and the transmitter for storing information indicative of the fingerprint.

Amendment

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8. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit compares a coded identification transmission for operation of the barrier operator circuit.

9. (Original) A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit receives a fingerprint identifying signal representative of the fingerprint itself.
